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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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TOPIC Military Information from Koethen

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 20 February to 4 April 1950

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 5 June 1950

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. About 100 to 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched in two groups from the railroad station to the school building on Kastenallee on 20 February 1950. About as many soldiers were seen the following day. The troops carried baggage and canvas-covered machine guns with them. About 16 officers and 450 EM fell in in the school yard on 23 February 1950 (1) (2).

2. a. Four officers, eleven NCOs and eighty 17 to 19-year-old EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, undoubtedly recruits, marched from the railroad station to the airfield on 23 February 1950 (1) (3).

b. The following data were secured from records of the Koethen dairy on 4 April 1950: (5)

(1) [REDACTED] mentioned in connection with the words "tank" and "Pavlenko"; relation of Pavlenko to the unit was unknown.

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(3) [REDACTED] (5).

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3. No changes were observed in the county kommandatura on 26 March 1950. Captain Yazerenkov (phonetic spelling) dealt with German firms working for the occupation power. The MVD office was still at 40 Kastanienstrasse (4).

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(1) Comment: Presumably replacements for the Koethen units of the 7th Gds Tank Div.

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(2) Comment: First information on the occupation of the school building in Kastanienallee. It may be a collecting point for arriving replacements.

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(3) Comment: Component units of the 7th Gds Tank Div, including elements of the 23rd Gds Itz Rifle Regt, are, from previous reports, believed to be stationed at the airfield.

(4) The information on the county kommandatura and the MVD office agrees with previous reports. Captain Yazerenkov was previously reported to be paymaster.

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Comment: Confirms the Koethen 23rd Gds Itz Rifle Regt of the 7th Gds Tank Div up to 4 April 1950.

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Comment: Assigned to the Koethen AF technical battalion which is subordinate to a GA regiment stationed there. The battalion was previously in Grossenhain.

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Comment: Assigned to the Feltow Headquarters of the grade administration of the Soviet Occupation Forces which has branch offices in towns over all the Soviet Zone of Germany, including Koethen.

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